

AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the first full paragraph beginning at page 3, line 5 with the following amended paragraph:

--Each bundle 12 of optical fibers 14 is typically stranded about common central strength member 16 of fiber optic cable 10. Like central strength member 26 of each bundle 12 of optical fibers 14, common central strength member 16 of fiber optic cable 10 is typically formed of a relatively stiff fiber or glass reinforced plastic, or a relatively flexible combination of aramid fibers that may or may not be overcoated with a plastic material. Fiber optic cable 10 also includes a protective cable jacket 18 that surrounds each of the bundles 12 of optical fibers 14. Cable jacket 18 is typically formed of a plastic, such as PVC. As an alternative to PVC, cable jacket 18 may be formed of a fluoro-plastic, such as PVDF, a fluoride-compound or blends of PVC and PVDF or PVC and PE.--

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